

3 HARRY WILLIAMS: My name is Harry Williams
4 and I want to thank the Department of Energy for
5 coming to my homeland. [I'm here to speak for my 1
6 family. We've been here for thousands of years and
7 the generations are countless. I have to speak
8 because the Yucca Mountain Project will possibly
9 damage, I don't know how many, maybe thousands of
10 generations. There's a possibility of destroying
11 this whole area.

12 The proposal to store 70,000 metric tons of
13 waste, nuclear spent fuel, is not guaranteed. A
14 signature of the Department of Energy chief, or
15 somebody in the bureaucratic thing, could make that
16 amount more just by a signature. So it's not
17 guaranteed that this will just be one storage of the
18 70,000.

19 Then I have concerns about the travel to and
20 from Yucca Mountain, the effects on the local
21 community. In the event of emergencies or anything
22 else, what is the emergency routes? Then what are
23 the effected communities? Will they consider them
24 effected communities?

25 And then in this day of bunker busters and
1 explosive devices, that scares me about the travel.
2 It would just take one little bomb to destroy one
3 little area, and the socioeconomic factors that would
4 be brought to an area are great. It would bring
5 possibly death, and then in the final thing, whoever

6 can live, or whatever could live, would probably be
7 mutations.

8 The socioeconomic factors by bringing any
9 more or just the 70,000 metric tons are high. I
10 asked the elected officials from the local -- I'm
11 really glad to see our local supervisors here, and
12 then from Nye County speaking their minds. I'm going
13 to ask President Bush right now and any other
14 president in the future, I ask Feinstein and Boxer
15 and Harry Reid from Nevada why aren't these being
16 discussed, because we have a presidential campaign
17 going on.

18 The other night I watched the Republicans
19 all day. They were wrapping themselves in the Bible.
20 Well, we had a religion before the Bible came to this
21 country, and the religion and our spirits of this
22 earth are totally against this thing. You are
23 threatening the whole existence of an entire region
24 if any accident ever happened.

25 Then I ask why aren't they discussing this?
1 This is an important issue, and I wish they wouldn't
2 discuss it in party lines and sit there and say I'm
3 going to vote my block or my party. I wish they
4 would act like the people that we elected who
5 promised to protect us and to guide us and to take us
6 into --

7 In my people's way we look at seven
8 generations, and these guys would be looking at --
9 they're looking at seven generations but they're

10 looking at today's economics, how much money can I
11 make off of everything. Capitalism created nuclear
12 energy to make everybody's convenience, but when they
13 first created nuclear energy they should have asked
14 those questions at that time: What are we going to
15 do with this?

16 Their idea was to create a bomb and create
17 destruction in Nagasaki and Hiroshima. And today
18 those questions are still there, but now we have all
19 the waste material that has been collecting. After
20 the 70,000 metric tons are stored, we're not stopping
21 at producing more of this debris, this hazardous
22 debris.

23 Then I have to talk about geologic time.
24 10,000 years ago this place had a lot more water in
25 it. In that area there was lakes. And this stuff
1 will be there in a geologic time. We can't just talk
2 about yesterday and tomorrow, one year or two years
3 or twenty years, we have to talk about thousands of
4 years and thousands of generations that are going to
5 be affected, not just today or tomorrow's pocketbook,
6 how much money I'm going to make or how much money
7 I'm going to lose.

8 And I talk about the ancient lakes. But
9 most of all there's no greater gift on this Earth but
10 Mother Earth. And here we are today putting her at
11 risk. We can't even -- the religions of the world,
12 they're fighting each other. Where is the peace of

13 this world? Why aren't we talking about all that?
14 Why are these countries, they're starting to worship
15 a piece of radiation. How foolish are they?

16 I'm here from a spiritual person from this
17 valley. This is my homeland. You're being watched
18 right now by the spirits of this valley, and I really
19 thank you for giving us this opportunity, but do the
20 best thing: Protect humankind and protect Mother
21 Earth and all God's great creations that he has put
22 here and all life.] Thank you.